

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A sinker of circular knitting machines for pile fabrics, being disposed on a circular knitting machine with an inclined angle for providing a positioning loop for a wool yarn, a bottom yarn, and a binding yarn, comprising:

a nose section, having a protruded nose coupled to one end of the nose section;

a throat section, disposed at a position adjacent to [[the other]] another end of said nose section; and

an abdominal section coupled to said throat section, and said nose section having an aslant surface which provides a downward pulling on said bottom yarn and binding yarn in a [[weaving]] knitting process to achieve a plating loop, the sinker being movable in an inclined direction during the knitting process.

2. (Original) The sinker of circular knitting machines for pile fabrics of claim 1, wherein said throat section comprises a first end surface, and said abdominal section comprises a second end surface, and said first end surface is coupled to said second end surface, and said first end surface is an aslant surface, such that said first end surface is a horizontal surface when said sinker is disposed in said circular knitting machine.

3. (Currently Amended) The sinker of circular knitting machine for pile fabrics of claim 1, further comprising a limit groove for positioning said wool yarn, bottom yarn, and binding yarn, the limit groove being [[and]] disposed at a position [[where]] between said protruded nose and nose section [[are coupled]].

4. (New) The sinker of circular knitting machine for pile fabrics of claim 1, further comprising a limit groove positioned between the protruded nose and the nose section, the aslant surface of the nose section being a smooth, flat surface which extends from the limit groove.

5. (New) The sinker of circular knitting machine for pile fabrics of claim 4, wherein the aslant surface of the nose section extends at an inclined, non-horizontal direction when the sinker is disposed in the circular knitting machine.

6. (New) The sinker of circular knitting machine for pile fabrics of claim 5, wherein the throat section has a first end surface, the first end surface is a horizontal surface when the sinker is disposed in the circular knitting machine.

7. (New) The sinker of circular knitting machine for pile fabrics of claim 1, wherein the nose section has a rounded end and

wherein an undersurface of the nose section is a smooth, flat surface which extends from the rounded end to the throat section.

8. (New) The sinker of circular knitting machine for pile fabrics of claim 1, wherein the throat section has a first end surface and the abdominal section has a second end surface, the second end surface extending from the first end surface and being a concave curved surface.